

**SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING Minutes 2009**

Monday, August 31, 2009 at Gene Scanlan's at 7 PM

Board Present: Bob D'Arcy, Gray Waddell, Gene Scanlan, Paul Manson, Jude Da Silva, Peter Harvey, Mike Sutcliffe and Rupert Clark - **Absent:** Ivana Cappelletto

- 1) **Meeting called** to order at 7:07 by President Waddell
- 2) **Introduction of Guests:** None
- 3) **Agenda adopted** - M/C
- 4) **Adoption of Minutes:** Review/adoption of minutes of June 29, 2009 - M/C
- 5) **Business Arising from minutes or unfinished business**
 - a) Gazebo – Update – Waddell to obtain confirmation that PO will cover all costs of PO Box fix at Tot Park. Then D'Arcy will contact John Wild to see if portion of DoS funds might be freed up.
 - b) OCP/Neighbourhood Plan – update – (Waddell) – Nothing new – No new meetings yet
 - c) Boat Launch update (D'Arcy) – still getting calls to sort out spaces but generally positive. Agreed that end of September, start of October; all owners of light boats (kayaks) will be contacted to confirm OK for going on boat rack(s). Michael Davidson has agreed to build or help build racks. Costs to be reviewed but if reasonable will be borne by SHCA.
 - d) Bulletin Board at turn off (Harvey/D'Arcy) – Harvey did not put up new board and we do not know who did. Harvey will put roof on. May need cork or other soft material to aid sticking in pins.
 - e) Swim Float (Harvey) – all functional for now and while not a SHCA project efforts by volunteers appreciated.
 - f) Picnic Review (Cappelletto) – Manson spoke in absence of Cappelletto. Invoices and bills for picnic being gathered together and will be given to Treasurer to remit. M/C that bills be paid.
 - i) M/C that everyone appreciates the wonderful job done and what a fine picnic we had. A big thank you, Ivana.
 - g) Vial of Life (Scanlan) – Samples were shown and it was agreed that this would be promoted in the next newsletter.
- 6) **Correspondence** – Secretary/Treasurer - (D'Arcy)
 - a) June 30 – support letter to West Sechelt on park funds distribution
 - b) July 6 – reference letter sent for Jude Da Silva
 - c) July 21 – DoS email re Park Naming
 - d) July 22, 2009 – Letter of agreement with DoS re: CoastRide signage
 - e) July 22, 2009 – Letter re Integrated Transportation Study
 - f) Late item submitted – Referral for 6895 Mt. Richardson
- 7) **Officer Reports**
 - a) **President's Report** (Waddell) – nothing specific at this time
 - b) **Treasurer's Report** (D'Arcy)
 - i) Financials – Current account \$2,094.93, GICs \$2122.74. Membership – 93
- 8) **Committee Reports**
 - a) **Public Works** – Sutcliffe called for help to supply chain saw and muscle for some trees to be cleared in SHF. Harvey agreed so the two will do it soonest.
 - b) **Parks** - report (Clarke) – Advised the Parks will be proceeding to do the whole job of opening up Park Road as a walking loop for all.
 - i) Discussion held regarding other openings for better walking in Sandy Hook such as across from Deerhorn Park and maybe down by the Tot Park. Left until next year.

- c) **Hidden Grove** (D'Arcy) – update – no hard news but all encouraging. Awaiting grants and more input from SCPI.
- d) **Newsletter** (D'Arcy) –
 - i) Agreed needed and a list of topics was set out in rough
 - ii) Distribution seems under control with all delivery positions filled for now.
- e) **Council/CoWs (DoS)** (Waddell) – no meetings through August to report on.
- f) **G8** (D'Arcy) – next meeting September 8th and meeting with DoS postponed until at least October.
- g) **CoastRide** - update – (D'Arcy) – Following approval of signage in principle by DoS letter has gone to John Wild for approval of designs and locations. As of this date (two weeks after letter) no response so putting any signs in place is on hold.
 - i) Provided CoastRide revives for next spring - suggestion of Cappelletto for distinctive hats was noted and will be reviewed later.

9) **NEW Business**

- a) Integrated Transportation Study – letter was reviewed and agreed that D'Arcy would advise SCRD that D'Arcy and Scanlan will be SHCA reps.
- b) Tuwanek/Sandy Hook submission for review of open fire rules by Fire Chief and DoS. A handout to all was made by D'Arcy of the report developed jointly by him and Linda Williams of Tuwanek. It contained a report on a recent fire event on Coracle Drive. After an introduction by Waddell considerable discussion ensued.
 - i) Appears that DoS is meeting soon with Fire Chief and others to decide on revised bylaw for open burning so now is time to get any SHCA proposals in and for SHCA to try and be represented at the table.
 - ii) Proposed that in light of steep terrain of Sandy Hook and Tuwanek and experience in Kelowna and California; SHCA should press for full, year around ban on all open fires with no cooking, heating exceptions in at least these two communities due to the special hazards.
 - iii) Some board members had differing views or other thoughts: should be able to have wiener roasts and such for kids; fires start from other reasons; properties should be cleared of fuel; SHCA should press for a better fire department instead; rules and regulations can be made to control how fires are made and monitored but better enforcement needed.
 - iv) Agreed that D'Arcy/Scanlan would prepare a survey to go with the newsletter and a self addressed envelope asking the community for their views. Harvey felt that he should be involved since his views on the matter differed so a balanced question might be achieved. Agreed that Scanlan would drop out and Harvey would work with D'Arcy.
 - v) Further since a survey is going out Harvey felt some items about the Neighbourhood Plan and OCP should be included and he agreed to send whatever these items are to D'Arcy soonest to start the process of designing the survey.
 - vi) The survey will be circulated by email to all board members for final approval prior to going out.
- c) Referral for 6895 Mt. Richardson – was reviewed and it was agreed that SHCA had no objections and the Secretary should so advise the DoS in writing.
- d) Canada Day 2010 – suggested that SHCA look at some sort of participation. Put on next meeting agenda for ideas.
- e) Cougar sighting email was thought to be a good idea
- f) Target Marine – current status discussed.

10) **Next Meeting** – October 5th at Sutcliffe's at 7 PM

11) **Adjournment:** Moved and Carried at 8:43 PM